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U.S. Embassy marks one-year anniversary of U Win Tin passing

April 21 marked the one-year anniversary of the death of U Win Tin. As Ambassador Mitchell said last year, "As newspaper editor, author, poet, and for nearly two decades, political prisoner, U Win Tin was a man of rare integrity and courage, a man who dedicated his life to democratic principles, particularly the principle of press freedom, even under enormous hardship." He was a staunch proponent of government and civil society working together to help political prisoners overcome their suffered hardships to become valued actors in shaping the country's future. We remain inspired by his enduring commitment to the plight of political prisoners, righting the wrongs of injustice, and promoting the principle of freedom of expression at his own personal cost. U Win Tin is missed but his legacy lives on.

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